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SUBJ: SIKHS IN US ARMY

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1. ON DEC. 23, PRIVATES BROADWELL AND FRESCO WERE ADMINISTRATIVELY DISCHARGED FROM US ARMY. PRIOR TO THIS, THEY WERE CONFINED AT FORT RILEY SERVING CONFINEMENT ADJUDGED BY EARLIER COURTS MARTIAL.

2. WHEN AKALI DAL OR OTHER REPS OF SIKH ORGANIZATIONS NEXT CALL, EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE THEM:

A. TWO INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED HAVE NOW BEEN ADMINISTRATIVELY DISCHARGED FROM ARMY. DISCHARGE NOT RESULT THEIR ADOPTION OF SIKH RELIGION BUT BASED ON THEIR ENTIRE MILITARY RECORDS WHICH INCLUDED NOT ONLY CONVICTIONS BY COURTS MARTIAL BUT PUNISHMENT FOR PRIOR DISCIPLINARY OFFENSES. BROADWELL PREVIOUSLY PUNISHED FOUR TIMES, TWICE

FOR BEING AWOL AND TWICE FOR DISOBEDIENCE (ONE PUNISHMENT BOTH AWOL AND DISOBEDIENCE) AND FRESCO PUNISHED PREVIOUSLY
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FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HASHISH.

B. BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS THAT AROSE WITH BROADWELL/FRESCO,
ARMY HAS INITIATED REVIEW ITS POLICIES ON SERVICE BY
SIKHS WITH EYE TO SEEING THAT REGULATIONS PERMIT FULL
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WHILE AT SAME TIME ASSURING NECESSARY
CONFORMITY TO MILITARY DISCIPLINE. KISSINGER

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